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1. The Soviet airfield at Zagan is located northeast of and some five kilometers from the town of Zagan, on the right side of the road to Kozuchow. It was formerly the German Kuepper Airfield. This field was not damaged at all during World War II and it has been occupied by the Soviet Air Force since 1945.
2. Until 1951 [] only small single-engine aircraft at the field and there was only a short, narrow asphalt runway, but the reconstruction of the field began that year. Two men with horses and a cart could earn up to 200 Zl. on this job; this was considered very good pay. Many Polish soldiers were working on the job, unloading cement from railroad cars onto trucks and carts. 25X1
3. A new concrete runway was built, approximately 40 m. wide and two kilometers long; it ran in the same direction as the old one. The trees along both edges of the runway were cut down and lights were put up on both sides.
4. When the runway was finished, the old single-engine planes left and new jets arrived. These aircraft were very small; they had one air intake in front and two exhausts under the wings (sic); the wings were normal, without sweepback.
5. Shortly after their arrival at the field, three of these aircraft crashed, and in the winter of 1952-53 they were replaced by MIG-15s; these aircraft were much larger, had one exhaust in the rear and sweptback wings. [] these aircraft flying in the daytime and often at night, mostly in flights of four. [] in hangars and in rows on the airfield and estimates their number to have been as few as 100 or as many as 500. 25X1
6. In addition to Air Force personnel [] some soldiers wearing armored force insignia on the airfield. 25X1

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[redacted] was completed, from the village of
gun positions at the end of the airfield.

These were round pits about four meters in diameter and one meter deep, floored
with concrete and having elevated banks covered with grass.

8. On the eastern side of the field, among the bushes [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] a tower approximately five meters high, on top of which was an object
resembling a wire basket, which revolved slowly. Around the tower was a wooden
shed in which there were three or four automobiles which were constantly
occupied by soldiers.
9. At the beginning of the runway [redacted] another wooden shed which also 25X1
contained an automobile. It was constantly guarded by a sentry. No antenna
could be seen on the automobile.
10. [redacted] no fences or guards on the airfield itself. 25X1
11. A railroad siding leads to the airfield from the Zagan-Kozuchow line.

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